
Introduction

The Washington Asthma Initiative (WAI) has been a leader in forming recommendations and coordinating health care providers from varied backgrounds to work towards improving the prevention, diagnosis and management of asthma in Washington State. WAI is joined by the American Lung Association of Washington, the Washington State Department of Health and key stakeholders from around the state in the development of a statewide asthma plan. The Washington State Asthma Plan is not that of the State Department of Health but that of the citizens of Washington State.

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How to Read this Plan

Asthma is a complex problem which has many overlapping issues. The plan has been designed to address these issues. There are six chapters are designed to cover the following core areas:

- Asthma: A Comprehensive Approach (Community-based activities);
- Health care,
- Asthma and the Environment;
- Asthma in Educational Settings;
- Work-Related Asthma; and
- Cross-cutting Issues

These chapters describe the overall issues of asthma as it relates to the topic areas, current activities to address asthma in Washington and outline objectives and strategies.

The following chapters are designed to be supportive or stand completely separate from the document:

What is Asthma? Chapter

Designed to accompany the other chapters of the plan serving as the core foundation to describe asthma.

Executive Summary

Designed to be a short overview of the state plan and includes the goals and objectives

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